

July 20th, 2025

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16th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday: 5:30pm/ Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am/
Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am/
Wednesday at 7:00pm**

⚓ Catholics are encouraged to make pilgrimages to their local cathedral during the 2025 Jubilee year.

⚓ Bishop Barry C. Knestout has named four churches in the diocese as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025:

1. The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Norfolk
2. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
3. **The Basilica of St. Andrew, Roanoke Parish Pilgrimage: Dec. 13, 2025**
4. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Williamsburg

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“Rooted in the Word...”

This Week at Saint Mark July 21st - July 27th

MONDAY 9-12:00am 7:15pm	VBS/ GH/DC/CL/Com/Sanctuary OCIA Christian Formation / CR
TUESDAY 8:30am 9-12:00am 2:00pm	Daily Mass/Daily Chapel VBS/ GH/DC/CL/Com/Sanctuary Daughters of Fatima Prayer Group/DC
WEDNESDAY 9-12:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	VBS/ GH/DC/CL/Com/Sanctuary Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena/ DC Rosary/ Daily Chapel Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel
THURSDAY 6:00am 8:30am 9-12:00am 6:00pm	Men of St. Joseph/ Conference Room Daily Mass/ Daily Chapel VBS/ GH/DC/CL/Com/Sanctuary PPC Meeting/CR
FRIDAY 9-12:00am	VBS/ GH/DC/CL/Com/Sanctuary
SATURDAY 5:30pm	Mass/ Sanctuary
SUNDAY 8:30am 10:30am	Mass / Sanctuary Mass/ Sanctuary with Face Book Livestream

Save these Dates:

- **Sept. 5th-6th** - Women's Retreat at Founders' Inn, VB
- **Oct. 11th** - Catholic Fest, a diocesan event at the Diamond Baseball Stadium, Richmond
- **Dec. 13th** - St. Andrew Parish Pilgrimage, Roanoke, VA

Sacraments at St. Mark

BAPTISM: Celebrated the 1st weekend of the month except during Holy Week. Requirement: **Families must be registered.** Contact Religious Formation Office for Baptism classes prior to the Sacrament. Confirm Baptism date and time with Parish Secretary.

MATRIMONY: Couples required to give 6 months notice before planning a wedding in the Parish. Please do not set date before contacting the Priest.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 4:00 p.m.



Fr. Joseph L. Clark, St. Mark Founding Pastor

Father Joe entered eternal rest early Sunday morning, July 13, 2025. His faithful leadership and unwavering devotion to our parish community leave a lasting legacy of faith, compassion, and service.

May the gentle soul of **Fr. Joseph L. Clark**, first Pastor of Catholic Church of St Mark (1978-1990), rest in the PERFECT PEACE OF THE LORD.

Please keep the family and friends of Father Clark in your prayers during this difficult time.

Daily Readings

MONDAY 7/21	Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42
TUESDAY 7/22	Feast of St. Mary Magdalene Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18
WEDNESDAY 7/23	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9
THURSDAY 7/24	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17
FRIDAY 7/25	Feast of St. James, Apostle 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
SATURDAY 7/26	Mem. of Sts. Juachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30
SUNDAY 7/27	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

Mass Intentions this Week

Fr. Joseph L. Clark †
Gina Cruz †
Fortunato Solis - Intention of Healing
Dante Acedo †
Izuegbunam Family - Intention of Thanksgiving and Petition



Joy Lepere, Tere Gustafson, Cleofe Laxa, Justin Harzold, Angie Hudson, Brian Lazo, Caroline Padilla, Carol Brown Gigliola Kamp-Casto, Erlinda Mariado, Lorraine Stambaugh, Helen Robb, Herminio Lazo, Su Byles, Susan Colonna, Lexie Murray, Adriane Pennington, Rosendo Ibanez, Reynaldo Francisco, Annora Steiner, Julie Bellinger, Chandler Brewer, Val Kandis, Jay Davis, Olivia Wiggins, Armida Valmeo, Nikolas Pakkidis, Jeremiah Macaraeg, Sarada Kapuwatte, Connie Blanco, Ryan Steele, Paul Caddies, Molly Kibble, Patricia MacCartney, Trish Simpson, Billie Dudley, Antonio and Gloria Fernando, Kenneth Delorenzo, Dana Reid, Joe Bennett, Reynaldo and Virginia Corsino, Margaret Schmidt, Virginia Creencia, John and Patty Allen,

Samaritan Ministry

Would you like to be part of St. Mark's Samaritan Ministry? Volunteers visit the sick and those unable to get to mass on a regular, short-term or long-term basis. Training will be provided. If you would like to be a Samaritan Ministry volunteer, or to receive a visit from a Samaritan Ministry volunteer, contact Ann-Marie Cochran at 757-621-0699 for more details.

To learn more about our parish, visit our website at: stmarkparish.org or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChurchOfStMark>

Nourished by the Sacraments

A Reflection on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time From Fr. Eric Asamoah

In today's readings from Genesis and Luke, we encounter two profound scenes that highlight the importance of hospitality, attentiveness, and the balance between service and contemplation.

In the first reading, we see Abraham welcoming three mysterious visitors to his home, offering them food and shelter. At the end of the visit, the angels promised him that his wife, Sarah, though advanced in years, would have a son.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, in his theological reflections, emphasizes that hospitality is an expression of charity, a virtue that seeks the good of others. In his *Summa Theologica*, Aquinas writes that charity is not only about loving those who are close to us but also about extending love and care to strangers. Abraham's act of welcoming the visitors exemplifies this kind of charity. It shows us that, just as Abraham welcomed God into his home, we are called to welcome God into our lives, offering Him the hospitality of our hearts through acts of love, service, and generosity.

In the Gospel of Luke (10:38-42), we encounter the familiar scene of Jesus visiting the home of Martha and Mary. Martha works while Mary listens. Jesus says Mary made the better choice. He is not upset with Martha, but he helps her see what matters most.

According to Friedrich Knecht, a German theologian, the model of true Love of God is shown in the actions of Mary and Martha. Both sisters loved our Divine Lord, but they showed their love in different ways. Mary was all absorbed, listening to and meditating on His words; and, carried out of herself by her love of Him, she forgot everything else. Martha, on the other hand, was taken up with active work in His service, and could only think of how she might most perfectly minister to His wants.

Martha spent herself in her efforts to prepare food for our Lord, while Mary was entirely occupied in being fed by Him. Like Martha, we ought to do our best to fulfil the duties of our state of life: but we should not, on this account, neglect to hear and meditate on the divine word. ***"These you should have done, without neglecting the others."*** (Matt. 23:23). Pray and work!"



One Bread, One Cup: A Different Kind of Youth Conference

Unlike typical youth conferences centered on praise, worship, service, and fun, **One Bread, One Cup** offers something deeper, a liturgical and spiritual formation experience rooted in the heart of our Catholic faith.

Even the adults who attend are enriched, learning alongside the teens and joining in the rhythm of monastic life, including early morning prayer with the Benedictine monks.

This summer, we were blessed to send four teenagers and two adults to Conference 2, held from June 27th to July 1st at St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana.

Thanks to your prayers and generous support, we've returned with new knowledge, renewed faith, and a deeper understanding of the summit of our Catholic life: the Mass.

Thank you for continuing to invest in the spiritual growth of our youth and their leaders. Your support is helping to form the next generation of faithful, joyful, and mission-driven Catholics.



Congratulations to the Konin and Cortez families who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for their children at St. Mark on Sunday, July 6th. Please pray God's blessings for these little ones and their families as they begin their new life in Christ. Glory to God.

"Building the Kingdom of God by Imaging Christ"

Justice Peace

For information on our Justice & Peace Ministries visit:
www.stmark-parish.org/ministries/justice-and-peace, or email:
justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org



August: 15-18oz. Creamy Peanut Butter /Snack Pack Cookies/Crackers



School Supplies: For the months of July/August we will be collecting school supplies. Please place donations in the marked bin in Great Hall next to the Justice and Peace Table. Supplies will be distributed to children in need within our parish, our Food Pantry guests and at Parkland, Indian Lakes, and Tallwood Elementary, Brandon and Salem Middle Schools, and Green Run High School. Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) participants will also be collecting school supplies.

School Supply List: Pens, Pencils, Spiral Notebooks, Composition Books, Rulers, Glue Sticks, Loose Leaf Paper, 3 Ring Binders (all sizes), Tabbed Dividers, Safety Scissors, Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Pocket Folders, Erasers, Crayons, Tissues, Back Packs. *This list is not inclusive; please feel free to include other items you know that may be needed. Lists are also available on the Justice and Peace table and website. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who is in need of help with school supplies, please contact justiceandpeace@stmark-parish.org or Joyce Gridley 675-6486.



Save the Date: Justice & Peace Ministry and the Knights of Columbus are hosting our semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Mark on **Tuesday, September 16th** from **Noon-5pm**. We will be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way. Every donation we collect can save up to three lives. Please visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CCSM to schedule an appointment or watch for sign up table in August the Commons.

Parish Life

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Upcoming Parish Life Events and Announcements:

- For many, summer is a vacation from the busy school year routines and jam-packed schedules. Take time this summer to relax, refresh and ponder spiritual renewal. Stay spiritually hydrated by reading scripture, praying and meditating, and getting involved in St. Mark's Parish Life! We need you! Many hands make light work. Join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, August 12th or call Linda Major at 757-615-0763 for more information.
- Celebrate Marriage! Congratulations to all who have anniversaries in July! We certainly have many, many marriages of longevity! Please continue to verify and add your anniversary dates in the booklet on the Parish Life table. If you have not yet recorded your anniversary, please add your special day in the **Anniversary Booklet** on the Parish Life table!

Happy Anniversary to the following St. Mark parishioners celebrating a July wedding anniversary this week!

Bill and Hu Jung Dalton - July 20, 1972 (53 years)

Women's Book Club
August 12th at 6:30 pm
St. Mark's Library

A Grand Slam for God: A Journey from Baseball Star to Catholic Priest, by Burk Masters. Fr. Burke's story is a powerful reminder that God's plan for us is so much greater than our own, a grand slam for God. For more details, contact Kendra DiMichele at kdimichele76@gmail.com.



It is with heart-felt thanks for all who loaned VBS their "Alaskan Fir Trees", and to all VBS volunteers who tirelessly donated many, many hours this week creating the theme "True North VBS", an Alaskan Wilderness where VBS adventures will take place next week (July 21-25). VBS is a high energy, interactive week-long event where school-age children learn more about Jesus while participating in fun Christ-centered activities. Pray for them!

Mission Statement: Rooted in the Word...nourished by the Sacraments...Guided by the Holy Spirit...We, the people of St. Mark, are united in our desire to serve those who are in need, to give our gifts and talents...to build the Kingdom of God by imaging Jesus Christ...(Established 1978)

Parish Office Hours: Sunday-Thursdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Announcements/ Giving/ Contact Information

Liturgical Ministers Meeting

A Liturgical Ministers meeting will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at St Mark at 7pm. We expect this get-together to go no longer than 90 minutes. All Liturgical ministers are invited. We will have breakout sessions that will give the coordinators/leads time to review key items with their ministers. We encourage all ministers to bring a friend, either current or prospective ministers. There will be time for questions and answers, and for prospective ministers to be trained. Our get together will be followed by with wine, cheese, crackers and fruit as refreshments. We need a good count for refreshments, so please sign up in the Commons. Contact Earl Reid with questions at egreid3@cox.net.



If you currently do not give online, but would like to be an online contributor, please sign up at: giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmarkvb or donate on the Parish Giving QR code.

For more details or to donate, contact Parish Bookkeeper, MaryEllen

Cussen, at bookkeeper@stmark-parish.org or call the parish office at 757-749-1010.



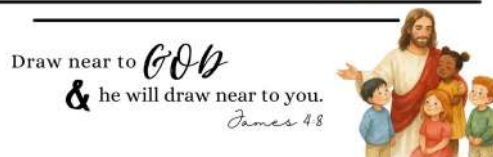
Fiscal Year July-June	July 6	Needed Year to Date	Offertory Year to Date	Excess/ (Short)
Offertory	\$24,104	\$22,000	\$24,104	(\$2,104)

Family Count: 814

Families using envelopes: 207

Families using online donation: 258

Catholic Church of St. Mark RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM 2025 2026



"We're excited to begin another year of faith formation! Register now to secure your spot. Volunteers are always welcome - and as a thank you, they receive a special discount. Join us in helping our young people grow in faith!"



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Catholic Church of St. Mark
Women's Retreat
 TO BE LIKE MARY:
 BLESSED, BEAUTIFUL, HOPEFUL!
 Guest speaker: Fr. Mike Imperial
 September 5-6, 2025
 Founder's Inn, Virginia Beach
 Check-in starts at 4pm on Friday, September 5th
 Retreat begins 5:30pm 9/5, ends 4pm 9/6
 Sign-up and/or for more details:
 RI' Office (757)479 9897

Ask Fr. Eric

Ever wonder why the priest kisses the altar? Or what Father Eric gets up to when he's not at St. Mark?

This bulletin series is your golden ticket to ask Father Eric all things priest life.

Submit questions to the Ask Fr. Eric box in the Formation Office or have an adult email your question to nicole@stmark-parish.org.

